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(57) Abstract: Detection of toxic gluten oligopeptides refractory to digestion and antibodies and T cells responsive thereto can be used to diagnose Celiac Sprue.



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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 6,319,726 B1 (Schuppan et al.) 20 November 2001 (20.11.2001), abstract, particularly on using antibody to detect tTG transglutaminase.	12-28
Y	US 2001/0036639 A1 (FINE) 01 November 2001 (01.11.2001), see whole document.	12-28
Y	WO 200125793 A2 (ISIS INNOVATION LIMITED) 12 April 2001(12.04.2001), abstract, similar methodology using gliadin derived peptide to detect celiac sprue disease, albeit no homology (74%) compared to SEQ ID No. 12 of the instant invention.	12-28

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Continuation of Box I Reason 2:

Claim 1, directs to a purified glucent oligopeptide, having the formula :

$E1-X1-E2-X2-E3 \dots Xn-Ey$.

Where E1, E2 and E3 are independently selected epitopes from SEQ ID No. 10, 18-25.

X1 and X2 are independently selected from the group consisting of a peptide bond and at least one amino acid, $n=0-5$, and $y=0-5$.

With such a complicated structure, it is estimated that there are at least more than 10000 different combination. It imposes an undue burden for sequence search. Therefore, the current search is conducted only for claims 12-28.